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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army in Europe Policy on Medical Coverage at Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) Interscholastic Sporting Events in the European Theater

This memorandum expires in 2 years.

1. References.

- a. Public Law 95-561, Defense Dependents' Education Act of 1978, as amended.
- b. DOD Instruction 1342.15, Educational Advisory Committees and Councils.
- c. DOD Manual 1342.6-M, Administrative and Logistic Responsibilities for DoD Dependents Schools.
- d. Department of Defense Education Activity Regulation 2740.1, Interscholastic Athletic Program (at <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/ed/webdocs/dodeareg202740.1.pdf>).
- e. USEUCOM Directive 30-13, Overseas Dependents Education in USEUCOM.

2. Terms.

- a. *Collision and contact sports* include basketball, football, soccer, and wrestling.
- b. *Limited-contact sports* include cheerleading, cross-country, field events, high jump, softball, and volleyball.
- c. *Noncontact sports* include the discus and shot put, field events, golf, riflery, tennis, and track events.
- d. *Emergency medical technicians (EMTs)* include doctors, EMT providers (including host-nation), nurses, and physician's assistants.

3. Medical Coverage. The policy on medical coverage at DODDS interscholastic sporting events is as follows. Garrison commanders may provide a higher level of service if desired.

a. Collision and Contact Sports.

(1) United States Army garrisons must have both an ambulance and an EMT present at all interscholastic collision and contact sporting events. The EMT must have on hand the minimum emergency medical equipment necessary to handle airway and cardiac emergencies and spinal injuries.

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(2) If a serious injury occurs and it is determined that the ambulance and EMT must immediately take the injured person to a hospital, the sporting event must be stopped until medical coverage can be restored. The following options may be used to allow the sporting event to continue:

- (a) Another ambulance may be called to transport the injured person.
- (b) A parent, teacher, coach, or administrator may transport the injured person to the hospital.
- (c) An EMT may be left temporarily on the scene as the ambulance transports the injured person to the hospital.

b. Limited-Contact Sports. Limited-contact sports must have a DODDS-designated individual present throughout the event with a cell phone and medical-emergency contact telephone numbers.

c. Noncontact Sports. Noncontact sports do not require on-site medical support.

4. Requesting Medical Coverage. School liaison officers (SLOs) will work with school administrators to obtain interscholastic sports calendars and will coordinate medical coverage for sporting events on the calendar. To arrange for medical coverage, SLOs will do either of the following:

- a. For collision and contact sports, request host-nation ambulance service, including EMT service, through contract services.
- b. For limited-contact sports, inform on-call medical-response services of the time and location of the sporting event to ensure a rapid response in case of emergency.

5. Emergency Action Plans. Garrison commanders will ensure emergency action plans are developed and validated annually. These plans must address the procedures for emergency support of school practices associated with collision and contact, and limited-contact sports. Emergency action plans must address transportation and installation access coordination.

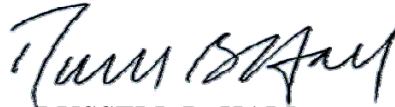
6. Funding. IMA-EURO will provide funding for ambulance services up to the amount agreed on by the IMA-EURO Region and garrison resource management offices. The IMA-EURO funding letter will be stubbed with the agreed on amounts. Garrison SLOs will submit actual costs for both the regular season and tournaments to their respective garrison resource management office for obligation.

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7. Summary. This ambulance policy is unique to the Army in Europe. DODDS administrators and game officials must be aware that the Army in Europe provides a higher level of service than required by USEUCOM Directive 30-13.

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